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SUBJ: HUSAK VISIT AND TITO STATEMENTS

REF: BELGRADE 1000

1. BELGRADE MEDIA HAS GIVEN EXPECTED HEAVY COVERAGE TO CZECH PARTY LEADER HUSAK'S OCT 23 ARRIVAL HERE AND CONVERSATIONS WITH TITO. FOLLOWING POINTS, MADE DURING EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT FORMAL DINNER EVENING OCT 23, ARE WORTH NOTING.

A. WHILE SAYING ALL THE RIGHT THINGS ABOUT CLOS PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, TITO EMPHASIZED NEED TO RESPECT PRINCIPLE OF DIFFERING ROADS IN CONSTRUCTION SOCIALISM. ALSO CONSIDERED IT "ESSENTIAL TO A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR COOPERATION TO START FROM MUTUAL RESPECT FOR PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND NON-INTERFERENCE".

B. STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, TITO CRITICIZED "SOME IN THE WEST" WHO BELITTLE THE NONALIGNED ROLE, CLAIMING THAT THE SOONER THEY RECOGNIZE ITS IMPORTANCE

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THE MORE USEFUL IT WILL BE BOTH FOR THEM AND THE WORLD AS A

WHOLE. HE BLAMED "REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST FORCES" FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF ALLENDE AND THE "BLOODY REPRISALS AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN CHILE. HE ASSILED ISRAEL AND SUPPORTED UN RESOLUTION ON ENDING LATEST HOSTILITIES.

C. HUSAK'S REPLY WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL, AS HE MERELY REITERATED STANDARD POSITIONS ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; HE IGNORED TITO'S POINT ON SEPARATE ROADS TO SOCIALISM.

2. HUSAK AND PARTY ARE TO SPEND OCT 24 IN SKOPJE, COMIN ON THE HEELS OF THE KOSYGIN VISIT HERE LAST MONTH, THIS WILL PROBABLY ANNOY THE BULGARIANS AND CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR HUSAK TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SKILL AT WALKING TIGHTROPE OVER MACEDONIAN ISSUE. CZECHS LAST GOT CAUGHT UP ON THIS ISSUE IN MARCH, WHEN RUDE PRAVO REFERRED TO SOME "MACEDONIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS" (PER BORBA) AS BULGARIANS AT TIME CZECH FONMIN CHNOUPEK WAS VISITING BELGRADE (REFTEL).
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